

to, just says, you know, treat private citizens at least as well as the public officials.

We're called public servants for a reason. We're the servants. We're not supposed to be the masters.

Number 6, protect taxpayers from compulsory funding of abortion. Well, the President said right in here in September, there are those who claim that our reform efforts—well, let's see. Under our plan, no Federal dollars will be used to fund abortions. He said that.

Well, the truth is, we had to have the Bart Stupak amendment to prevent what the President said from being false. And if the Stupak amendment hadn't passed here in the House, then what the President said would not have been true. In fact, at the time he said it, it wasn't true. I'm sure he didn't realize that he was stating something false, but it wasn't true. That's why the Stupak amendment was necessary. And the Stupak amendment was not used in the Senate version.

Number 7, reject all new mandates on patients, employers, individuals, or States.

Well, originally, that's what was promised by the President, so hopefully he'd be willing to go back and live up to that.

Prohibit expansion of taxpayer funded health care to those unlawfully present in the United States. The President said in September, those who claim that our reform efforts would insure illegal immigrants, this too is false. The reforms I'm proposing would not apply to those who are here illegally.

Unless you require identification, it's not going to happen. We want the President to live up to his promise, and we'd ask that that pledge be made.

Number 9, guarantee equal protection under the law and the Constitution. That means it applies across the board to everyone, every State.

Number 10, empower, rather than limit, an open and accessible marketplace of health care choice and opportunity.

I've heard people say I want the same health care coverage you have. Well, you don't want what I had last year. I didn't want it. I got rid of that at the end of last year, and I went through that big publication we had that every Federal employee has, and I chose a different insurance for this year. I hope it works out.

You don't want my insurance I had last year. You want my choices, and that's what Number 10 is talking about. American people ought to have a choice.

And with those 10 things being covered, I sure hope the President will be willing to live up to those things he's promised over the last year and half.

And I yield back to my friend, Mr. KING.

Mr. KING of Iowa. I thank my friend the judge and Congressman from Texas for joining us here this evening. And to bring this together and bring it to a

close, Mr. Speaker, I'd just say this, that there will not be outspoken conservatives that will be part of this discussion. There may be outspoken liberals; that would be if the President speaks up. That would confirm that, in my view, Mr. Speaker.

But the American people have rejected the very idea that the Federal Government would do what it would do, take over 100 percent of the health care in America and all of the health insurance policies that are in America, and, by the way, if they say that they won't, but they'd actually regulate every single one, it's true.

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I talked a moment earlier, some minutes earlier, about the nationalization of these eight huge entities and what that means to free enterprise, but the real utter irony that we have, Mr. Speaker, is that not since 1973, since Roe v. Wade, have there been thousands and thousands of people who have stood up and said the government has no business telling a woman what she should do with her body. That is a sacrosanct decision made by the woman and her doctor and her pastor or her priest. I've heard the argument over and over and over again. And it is made by men and women. It's been made for two generations. And now the very same people that are arguing that you can't tell a woman what to do with her body, are now advocating that the Federal Government should take over the management of everybody's body.

The utter nationalization of the most private thing we have, our health care. Take away our choices, take it over and manage it, give us whatever insurance policy the Federal Government will approve, tell us what we have to pay for it, tell us what mandates will be included in it. And if we can't afford it, they will give us a refundable tax credit, and if we can't afford it and don't buy it, they're going to fine us, and they're going to fine the employer that doesn't produce it.

This is a mandate for the first time in the history of America that the Federal Government would mandate that a person has to buy something that is imposed on us by the Federal Government, and I say "no" to it all.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CUELLAR (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of death in the family.

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of inclement weather and travel delays.

Ms. MCCOLLUM (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of business in the district.

Mr. CULBERSON (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of personal business.

Mr. DREIER (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of events in the district.

Mr. POE of Texas (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of other district-related business.

Mr. REICHERT (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today and the balance of the week on account of supporting his family after the sudden and unexpected death of his 16-year-old niece.

Mr. SESSIONS (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of official business in the district, scheduled before the majority leader's announcement that votes would be held today.

Mr. DENT (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of a death in the family.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. FUDGE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, February 23, 24, and 25.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today, February 23, 24, 25, and 26.

Mr. POE of Texas, for 5 minutes, February 23, 24, 25, and 26.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, February 23, 24, 25, and 26.

Mr. INGLIS, for 5 minutes, February 23, 24, and 25.

Mr. BROUN of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today, February 23, 24, and 25.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes, February 23, 24, and 25.

Mr. SHIMKUS, for 5 minutes, February 23.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced her signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following title:

S. 2950. A act to extend the pilot program for volunteer groups to obtain criminal history background checks.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 12 minutes p.m.), under its previous order and pursuant to House Resolution 1084, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at 10:30 a.m., for morning-hour debate, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable John P. Murtha.